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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Carriere et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/690,749  
Filed : 10/23/2003  
Title : DRILLING RIG APPARATUS AND DOWNHOLE TOOL ASSEMBLY  
SYSTEM AND METHOD

Grp./A.U. : 3672  
Examiner : Thompson, Kenneth L.

Docket No.: 14492

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RENEWED PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

Sir:

Responsive to the Decision dismissing a Petition to Make Special (Accelerated Examination) mailed December 7, 2004, applicants', through the undersigned attorney of record, hereby renew their petition to make the above referenced application special by granting special status so that examination will be provided on an expedited basis. The petition fees set forward under 37 CFR 1.17(h) have been submitted with applicants original petition however any deficiencies in the petition fee may be charged to deposit account number 04-1577.

It is submitted that all claims are directed to a single invention and all claims have been processed in the corresponding priority application, Canadian Application 2,425,448, in which all claims the application have been approved. Applicants, however, are willing to make an election without traverse should a restriction or election requirement be made with respect to

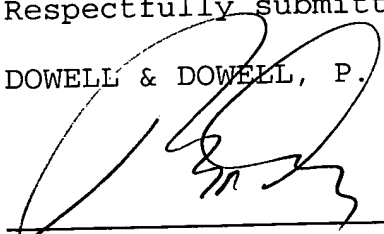
this application.

The statement with respect to a pre-examination search was filed with applicants' original petition to make special together with an Information Disclosure Statement with copies of references. The original petition was accompanied by a detailed discussion with respect to the references which pointed out the differences between the references and the claimed invention.

It is therefore respectfully requested that this renewed petition be granted to make the above referenced application for patent special. Should the petition's Examiner require any further information with respect to this petition, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at telephone shown below for further expediting the petition process.

Respectfully submitted,

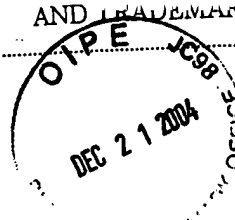
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In re application of  
Gene Carriere, et al.  
Application No. 10/690,749  
Filed: October 23, 2003  
For: DRILLING RIG APPARATUS AND DOWNHOLE  
TOOL ASSEMBLY SYSTEM AND METHOD

**DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL  
(ACCELERATED  
EXAMINATION)**

This is in response to the petition filed on August 30, 2004, to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, VIII.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c).

The petition fails to adequately meet requirement (B) above.

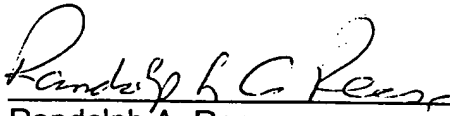
Regarding item (B), the petition fails to include a statement that all claims are directed to a single invention and a statement that applicants are willing to elect without traverse should a restriction or election be required.

For the above stated reason, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner is given one more opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.



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